

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee:

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Randolph J. Huis on 03 October 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 3, "protrusions" was changed to - - projections - -.

In claim 1, line 3, "seal" was changed to - - sealing lip - -.

In claim 1, line 3, "engage ^{and} to be" was deleted.

In claim 1, line 3, "sealed to" was changed to - - seal - -.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art is Hisanaga et al. (US 4,976,547); however, the claimed membrane is not disclosed or rendered obvious in combination with the remaining limitations of instant claim 1.